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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned ) : Group Art Unit: 2154  
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For: COMMUNICATION CONTROL )  
FOR MULTI-LAYER )  
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**This application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R  
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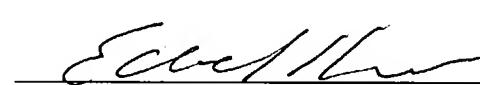
Applicant hereby claims priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Application:

Japan 10-205081, filed July 21, 1998.

A certified copy of the foregoing document was provided to the Patent Office in parent Application No. 09/357,976 and therefore, a copy is not being provided again.

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